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RELAXATION IN NORMS OF PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prescribed norms for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are not favourable to each State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has received requests from some States regarding amendments/relaxations in norms prescribed for implementation of the Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (d) The prime objective of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is to provide all-weather connectivity to all the unconnected habitations in the rural areas with a population of 500 or more persons in the plain areas and all unconnected habitations with population of 250 or more persons in Hill States, Desert areas and Tribal areas. Some States have made suggestions to amend/relax the prescribed norms keeping in view the sparse distribution of population due to peculiar geographical conditions in various areas in their States and also for relaxing norms of Geometric standards relating to land width, gradients etc.

(e) As the original objective of providing all-weather connectivity to eligible habitations under PMGSY has not been achieved. General relaxation in the population norm has not been accepted. On relaxation of technical aspects, an Expert Committee has been constituted to go into the details of Standards, Specifications and Design of Rural Roads.